



Town of Mashpee

*16 Great Neck Road North
Mashpee, Massachusetts 02649*

**TOWN OF MASHPEE INTERPRETIVE NATURE TOURS
CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
2016**

The Mashpee Conservation Commission is continuing its schedule of free Naturalist-guided tours of Mashpee's unique and diverse conservation areas. Tours last for an average of 1 to 2 hours but may be longer or shorter, depending on the wishes of the participants. All ages are invited and children are encouraged to come. Walks consistently start at 9:00 a.m., will meet at different conservation areas each week and will focus on weekly themes.

Further information can be obtained from the Mashpee Conservation Department at 539-1400, ext. 8540, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or on the web at <http://www.mashpeema.gov/things-do-and-see-mashpee-conservation-lands/pages/trail-guides> Guide maps for many conservation areas are available at the Conservation Department at the Mashpee Town Hall. Tours may be cancelled in the event of stormy weather.

The following tours are currently scheduled for September and October 2016:

Saturday, September 3 – 9:00 a.m. Santuit Pond Preserve

Take a naturalist guided walk exploring the diverse and spectacular habitats such as vernal pools, upland forest, herring run and cranberry bog at **Santuit Pond Preserve**. **Directions:** **Santuit Pond Preserve** is located on Route 130 in Mashpee. Address is 117 Main Street (Route 130) in the Town of Mashpee.

Monday, September 5 - 9:00 a.m. John Johansen Conservation Area

Take a hike to the Mashpee River, and investigate the signs of vernal pools in this beautiful oak/pine forest. **Directions:** **John Johansen Conservation Area** is located on 100 Meetinghouse Road in the Town of Mashpee.

Saturday, September 17 – 9:00 a.m. Jehu Pond Conservation Area

Join us for a guided tour at **Jehu Pond** - part of the Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge and composed of very unique habitats including upland forests, salt marshes, two islands, a vernal pool, and an Atlantic white cedar swamp. **Directions:** From Mashpee Rotary, take Great Neck Road South to Great Oak Road. Follow 1.3 miles to **Jehu Pond Conservation Area** sign area and parking area on right.

Saturday, September 24 - 9:00 a.m. South Cape Beach Excursion

Enjoy a walk along the barrier beach, at **South Cape Beach State Park**. **Directions:** From the Mashpee Rotary, take Great Neck Road South to Great Oak Road. Follow Great Oak Road to State Park sign and turn left into Park. Meet at the **Town Beach** parking area to the left at the end of paved road.

Saturday, October 1 – 9:00 a.m. Natural History Trek in the Reservation

Take a long hike into Conaumet Neck at the **Lowell Holly Reservation** and enjoy breathtaking views of Mashpee-Wakeby Pond. **Directions:** From Route 130 take South Sandwich Road north and follow approximately 0.8 miles to Reservation parking area on left, directly on South Sandwich Road (look for The Trustees of Reservations sign).

Saturday, October 8 - 9:00 a.m. Santuit Pond Preserve

Take a naturalist guided walk exploring the diverse and spectacular habitats such as vernal pools, upland forest, herring run and cranberry bog at **Santuit Pond Preserve**. **Directions:** **Santuit Pond Preserve** is located on Route 130 in Mashpee. Address is 117 Main Street (Route 130) in the Town of Mashpee.

Saturday, October 15 – 9:00 a.m. Natural and Cultural History Excursion

Hike along the majestic Mashpee River and learn about its natural and cultural history. Meet at the **Mashpee River Woodlands (North)**. **Directions:** From the Mashpee Rotary, take Route 28 towards Hyannis and take first right onto Quinaquisset Avenue. North parking area is off Quinaquisset Avenue on the right.

Saturday, October 22 - 9:00 a.m. South Cape Beach Excursion

Enjoy a walk along the beautiful Great Flat Pond trail at **South Cape Beach State Park**. **Directions to South Cape Beach:** From the Mashpee Rotary, take Great Neck Road South to Great Oak Road. Follow Great Oak Road to State Park sign and turn left into Park. Meet at the **Town Beach** parking area to the left at the end of paved road.

Saturday, October 29 – 9:00 a.m. Conaumet Neck Hike

Enjoy a hike among old-growth beech and black birch trees overlooking the magnificent Mashpee-Wakeby Pond. **Directions to the Lowell Holly Reservation:** From Route 130 take South Sandwich Road north and follow approximately 0.8 miles to Reservation parking area on left, directly on South Sandwich Road (look for The Trustees of Reservations sign).